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BILL TO PROTECT AMATEUR RADIO "HR 73" INTRODUCED

QCWA has just received word that Representative Jim Cooper, (D-Tennessee) on the first day of the 102nd Congress, introduced a bill which would go far to insure that amateur radio will not suffer loss of operating frequencies. Representative Cooper is a member of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance. The bill, Designated HR 73, is titled "Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 1991".

Following is the text of the bill introduced:

A BILL

To amend the Federal Communications Act of 1934 to prevent the loss of existing spectrum to the amateur radio service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of American in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1, SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 1991."

SEC. 2 FINDINGS.

Congress finds that---

(1) more than 490,502 radio amateurs in the United States are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission after a thorough examination in radio regulations and technical principles of radio communications, as required by international regulations;

(2) by international treaty and Federal Communications Commission regulation, the amateur is authorized to operate stations in a radio service of intercommunications and technical investigations solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest;

(3) among the basic purposes for the amateur radio service is to provide voluntary noncommercial radio service, particularly emergency communications;

(4) emergency communication services by volunteer radio amateurs have consistently and reliably been provided before, during and after floods, tornadoes, forest fires, earthquakes, blizzards, train wrecks, chemical spills, and other disasters; and

(5) the Federal Communications Commission has taken actions which resulted in the loss of over 100 MHz of spectrum to amateurs.

SEC. 3. FEDERAL POLICY REGARDING REALLOCATION OF AMATEUR RADIO SPECTRUM.

Section 303(c) of the Communications Act of 1934 is amended---

(1) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (c)(1); and

(2) by adding at the end of such subsection (c)(1) the following new paragraph:

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"(2) The Federal Communications Commission shall not diminish existing allocations of spectrum to the amateur radio service after January 1, 1991. The Federal Communications Commission shall provide equivalent replacement spectrum in the Amateur Radio Service for any frequency reallocation after January 1, 1991."

Here is a chance for the amateur service to do something positive in helping to get your congressman interested, and informed, and willing to sponsor the bill as introduced. If you want to participate write to your representative and senator asking that they support and co-sponsor the bill in the House and in the Senate. In addition, it would be advantageous for you to write to the members of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Commerce requesting that they support the concepts in the bill. Using the Committee address below, address a letter to each Committee member. A correct address would be as shown below, changing the top line to make the address personal to each Committee member.

The Honorable John D. Dingell
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6115

Majority members of the Committee are:

John D. Dingell, Michigan, Chairman; James H. Scheuer, NY; Henry A. Waxman, (CA); Philip R. Sharp, IN; Edward J. Markey, MA; Al Swift, WA; Cardiss Collins, IL; Mike Synar, OK; W. J. Tauzin, LA; Ron Wyden, OR; Ralph M. Hall, TX; Dennis E. Eckart, OH; Bill Richardson, NM; Jim Slattery, KS; Gerry Sikorski, MN; John Bryant, TX; Rick Boucher, VA; Jim Cooper, TN; Terry L. Bruce, IL; J. Roy Rowland, GA; Thomas J. Manton, NY; Edolphus Towns, NY; Tom McMillen, MD; Studds, MA; Kostmayer, PA; Lehman, CA; Claude Harris, AL.

Minority members of the Committee are:

Norman F. Lent, NY, Ranking Minority Member; Edward R. Madigan, IL; Carlos J. Moorhead, CA; Matthew J. Rinaldo, NJ; William E. Dannemeyer, CA; Don Ritter, PA; Thomas J. Bliley, Jr, VA; Jack Fields, TX; Michael G. Oxley, OH; Michael Bilirakis, FL; Dan Schaefer, CO; Joe Barton, TX; Sonny Callahan, AL; Alex McMillan, NC; Clyde Holloway, LA; Dennis Hastert, IL.

A letter written by thousands of amateurs expressing the need for such action, and emphasizing the contributions made by amateur radio to the public welfare, together with a plea for the committee member, and your congress persons to actively support the Bill would go far to impress them with the need for such action. We know and it is up to us to see that they know we amateurs are the ultimate in contributing of our time, expertise and service to the public welfare, particularly in the time of need. Here we have another chance to work for stability in the amateur service please consider doing so, and right away. If you write a letter, or send a telegram please send a copy to QCWA Headquarters so that we may keep track of, and follow up on this activity. In passing, let us remark that much credit for getting this bill introduced by Representative Cooper must go to QCWA Director, Art Kay, W5APX!

FCC ADOPTS A NO-CODE LICENSING PROCEDURE

All QCWA members are well aware of the adoption by the FCC, of a No-code license procedure which is expected to begin in operation in about two weeks (February 1). In effect the FCC adopted the QCWA

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proposal which was published in the Fall, 1990 edition of the QCWA Journal. The W5YI Report, for January 1, 1991, carried a full story together with a fine interview by Fred Maia, W5YI, with QCWA President Harry J. Dannals, W2HD. We plan on publishing the interview in a coming issue of the Journal (with the permission of W5YI).

TWO NEW QCWA CHAPTERS CHARTERED

On December 27, 1990 a Charter was issued to the HANGING JUDGE CHAPTER No. 176, operating in the Fort Smith area of Arkansas. Eleven members signed the Charter application and Officers Pro-Tem elected are:

J. W. Patterson, W0QIZ (15273) President
209 Applewood St, Central City, AR 72941

Ben Lockerd, W5NF (11119) Secretary
3231 S Cliff Dr, Fort Smith, AR 72903

On December 28, 1990, a Charter was issued to FLOYD HENDERSON CHAPTER No. 177, operating in the Riverside, California region. 26 Charter members signed the original Charter application and elected Officers Pro-Tem:

Richard W. Birbeck K6CID (23894) President
1452 Gloucester Way, Riverside, CA 92506

Arlo K. Myers, WA6UDR (23879) Secretary
6041 Colonial Dr, Riverside, CA 92506

QCWA members interested in becoming affiliated with these new Chapters may contact the officers listed above.

Congratulations go to both Chapters, and to those who worked to bring them together. Essentially all members of Chapter 177 were enrolled as new QCWA members!

CHAPTER REPORTS FOR 1990 ARE PAST DUE

While quite a few QCWA Chapter Secretaries have filed their 1990 Chapter reports, an uncomfortable number have not yet done so. If these reports are not received right away, chapters not filing will be considered to be inactive chapters. If you have lost your Chapter report form, a postcard requesting a replacement will bring it by return mail - Please!

A GOOD SUGGESTION!

Lester Peterson, W0YCV, past Secretary of Wisconsin Chapter 55 has suggested that each Chapter appoint a member to a permanent (or semi-permanent) position of Recording and reporting on QCWA Silent Keys in their area. This work would be in the nature of a Chapter Historian - recording vital statistics on each member, and seeing that headquarters receives a timely notice of the passing of all members. The value to the Chapter of this sort of work will be apparent as years move by. Consider it, and we urge each Chapter to set up the position and the mechanics of the job.

It is apparent to all that QCWA has passed the mark of issuance of the 24000th membership number. Issued sequentially, beginning in the first years of QCWA, we did, on January 3, 1991, issue membership number 24,000 to James N. Hawley, W7VTW. The most recent member signed into QCWA (January 14, 1991) is: David C. Dally, Jr, NY4D -- No. 24015. David, whom we welcome, lives in Holiday, Florida, a member of Gulf Coast Chapter, and is a young man! He is employed as a State Farm Insurance damage estimator, and has many hobbies. David was first licensed as WN2ORL, in New Jersey, 1957!

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